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1. PWs were attached as mine-clearance personnel to a Polish engineer battalion in ALLENSTEIN (R 54/E 66) until September 1947. The battalion had the unit number "2624" and was commanded by a Soviet major who wore Polish uniform. The battalion numbered about two hundred troops.
2. The battalion was equipped with former German engineer material. The mine-detecting equipment was unserviceable and was only kept on hand for inspections or inventories. The PWs had to detect mines by means of iron bars. Most of the PWs had no training whatever for this work. The PW detail continued its work and subsequently discharged.

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